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A TREATISE ON THE LAW OF BILLS OF EXCHANGE, PROMISSORY NOTES, BANKERS' CASH NOTES, AND CHECKS, by JOHN BARNARD BYLES, Serjeant-at-Law, with a patent of precedence. The seventh edition, with Notes, from the third *American* edition. London : H. Sweet, 3 Chancery Lane, Fleet street, Law bookseller and publisher. 1857. pp. 556.

For the first time probably in the history of legal bibliography, we have an English edition of an English law book, acknowledging on its title page its obligations to an American editor. "With notes from the third American edition," is certainly a marked compliment to the American editor; and we have also the American editor's preface presented to the English bar. The merits of Mr. Byles' work have been heretofore considered in this journal, and the notes are so well and favorably known to the profession, that they need no commendation.

A TREATISE ON THE CRIMINAL LAW OF THE UNITED STATES, comprising a general view of the Criminal Jurisprudence of the Common and Civil Law, and a Digest of the penal statutes of the General Government, and of Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Ohio; with the Decisions on Cases arising upon those statutes. By FRANCIS WHARTON, author of "Precedents of Indictment and Pleas," "Medical Jurisprudence," "American Law of Homicide," etc. Fourth and revised edition. Philadelphia: Kay & Brother, 19 South Sixth street, Law Booksellers, Publishers and Importers. 1857. pp. 1252.

It would scarcely seem necessary to say anything in commendation of a book so well and so favorably known to the bar. But the very important additions which the learned author has seen fit to make, and the greater thoroughness and compactness of the volume, seem to demand some mention. It has always been admitted by the practitioners in the Criminal Courts, that until Mr. Wharton's first edition, no book existed which was of any very great use to the American lawyer,—the cases being found only in the Digests, and in notes appended to English treatises; but now, in this volume, every branch of Criminal Jurisprudence will be found fully exhibited, with appropriate citations and references, under its proper head. Much of the text of this edition has been re-written, and an admirable analytical index added, which fully exhibits at glance the contents of each separate paragraph. The extreme convenience of this simple table cannot be over estimated; it unlocks the whole book; and opens at a single view and